



IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Pigment granules having an average particle size from 50 to 5000 μm and a BET surface area $\leq 15 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$, consisting of

- (A) from 60 to 90% by weight of at least one pigment and
- (B) from 10 to 40% by weight of at least one nonionic surface-active additive based on polyethers, wherein said component (B) comprises ~~alkylene oxide~~ ethylene oxide- or propylene oxide- or mixed ethylene oxide/propylene oxide- adducts with amines or alcohols, or ethylene oxide/propylene oxide block copolymers,

obtained by wet-comminution of said pigment (A) in aqueous suspension in the presence of some or all of said additive (B) and subsequent spray granulation of said suspension, if applicable after the rest of additive (B) has been added.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, wherein said component (B) comprises block copolymers obtained by sequential polyaddition of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide to at least bifunctional amines or alcohols.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A process for producing pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, which comprises wet-comminuting said pigment (A) in aqueous suspension in the presence of some or all of said additive (B) and then spray granulating said suspension, if applicable after the rest of said additive (B) has been added.

Claim 6 (Original): A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein said spray granulating is effected in a spray tower using a one-material nozzle.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A process for pigmenting macromolecular organic or inorganic materials, which comprises incorporating pigment granules as claimed in claim 1 into these materials by stirring or shaking.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 7, wherein said macromolecular organic or inorganic materials are for pigmenting coatings, paints, inks, building materials or cellulosic systems, where a liquid phase comprises water, organic solvents or mixtures of water and organic solvents.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average particle size is from 100 to 1,000 μm and the BET surface area is $\leq 10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

Claim 10 (New): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (B) is at least one selected from the group consisting of ethylenediamine/polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide block copolymers, ethylene oxide/polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide block copolymers, and ethylene oxide adducts with fatty alcohols.

Claim 11 (New): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 10, wherein component (B) comprises an ethylenediamine/polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide block copolymer.

Claim 12 (New): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 10, wherein component (B) comprises an ethylene oxide/polypropylene oxide/ethylene oxide block copolymer.

Claim 13 (New): Pigment granules as claimed in claim 10, wherein component (B) comprises an ethylene oxide adduct with a fatty alcohol.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been amended by limiting component (B), and new Claims 10-13 added, as supported in the specification at page 6, line 23ff and the Examples. Claim 3 has been canceled.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1 and 4-13 are now pending in the application.